

ATTACHMENT 11

NCWAS Autopsy Checklist

NATIONAL COAL WORKERS= AUTOPSY STUDY (NCWAS)

Checklist

The following items must be complete to insure payment for services and for the autopsy to be included in the NCWAS database.

- _____ Death must have occurred on or after May 14, 1971.
- _____ Case must be received within 180 days of autopsy.
- _____ Deceased must have worked in an underground mine.
- _____ Must include the following articles:
 - _____ 3 blocks of lung tissue
 - _____ 3 stained slides of lung tissue
 - _____ completed and signed Consent, Release, and History Form (CDC/NIOSH 2.6)
 - _____ Social Security Number (optional)
- _____ Signed invoice with statement A No other form of compensation has been received. @
- _____ Autopsy protocol must include:
 - _____ heart and lung description and weights
 - _____ heart valve measurements
 - _____ heart ventricular measurements
 - _____ pathological diagnosis
 - _____ cause of death (optional on partial autopsies)
 - _____ clinical summary
 - _____ microscopic examination
 - _____ age, height, and weight
- _____ Chest x-ray (PA) and interpretation made within 5 years prior to death (optional)

